

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following:

[0045] Likewise, the parallel structure of the struts not only reduces trauma to the vessel during removal, it also facilitates removal of the filter using a catheter to pull the filter into a lumen defined by the catheter, by pulling the filter in distal direction, rather than the proximal direction. As illustrated in FIGS. 4 and 5, a catheter is often used to retrieve implanted filters, but it may be desirable to approach the filter from a direction opposite to the direction the filter may be optimally retrieved. With the filters of the present invention, the catheter 30 may be inserted through the cells of the filter itself, yet without interfering with those cells. Referring to FIG. 5, the struts 12 of the filter will tend to resiliently expand, allowing the catheter 30 to escape the cell of the filter in a radial direction.